

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
SUPPLEMENTAL DOCKET NUMBER 2  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003**

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ADOPTION AGENDA, CONSENT ITEM

RESOLUTION:

- \* ITEM-S507: Authorization to Accept the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant for the RaceLegal Program.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the following resolution:

(R-2004-715)

Authorizing the Chief of Police, for and on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for, accept, manage and expend, \$350,000 in grant funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the RaceLegal program for a period of up to five years, providing funding is made available by OTS;

Authorizing the Chief of Police to expend approximately \$330,816 of these grant funds for an agreement with the Center for Injury Prevention to operate the RaceLegal program, and to certify that the City will comply with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements related to this program;

Declaring that any resources received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body, and that personnel positions, if any, funded under this program are not subject to local hiring freezes.

ADOPTION AGENDA, CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)  
RESOLUTIONS: (Continued)

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**CITY MANAGER SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

The RaceLegal.com program offers safe, legal, supervised, substance-free alternatives to dangerous, illegal street racing. The program operates races at the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot, conducts extensive outreach and education to prevent illegal street racing, and provides San Diego Police Department with important information regarding the encouragement, enabling and operation of illegal street racing. RaceLegal.com has successfully operated for a number of years, supported in part by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant sponsored by the San Diego State University Foundation. RaceLegal.com works closely with SDPD, particularly Traffic Division and its street-race prevention team (DragNet) to plan, coordinate and conduct RaceLegal.com activities. Through this collaborative effort, street drag racing in the City of San Diego has been reduced by 87.5% since the year 2000.

Because OTS does not fund non-governmental programs directly, RaceLegal.com is requesting the City of San Diego to sponsor this grant application. The grant is for 18 months (October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2005). Funds will support the RaceLegal.com events and outreach activities, as well as provide for the development of a "How To" manual, video and two-day training seminars for communities with a high-risk of illegal street racing.

In a separate action, the City will contract with the Center for Injury Prevention (CIP), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, dba RaceLegal.com, to provide these services. One of RaceLegal.com's goals is to establish RaceLegal.com as a financially self-sufficient entity by the end of the grant period. As grant sponsor, the City of San Diego, via the Police Department, will oversee fiscal and administrative issues for grant-funded expenditures, as well as manage the contract with CIP. The San Diego Police Department, and its Traffic Division in particular, strongly support RaceLegal.com, and encourage approval of this grant application and sponsorship.

This Resolution requests authorization for the Chief of Police to apply for, accept, expend and manage, grant funds from OTS for the RaceLegal.com program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The grant application is for a total of \$350,000, of which the City will receive approximately \$10,194 to defray the costs of administrative and fiscal oversight. An Agreement with CIP for \$339,806 to operate the RaceLegal.com program will be processed separately, and in compliance with City regulations. There is no requirement for matching funds, and no requirement to continue services, activities or expenditures after grant funds are terminated.

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